

OPINION 1775

Banksinella luteolateralis var. *albothorax* Theobald, 1907 (currently *Aedes* (*Neomelaniconion*) *albothorax*), *B. luteolateralis* var. *circumluteola* Theobald, 1908 (currently *A. (N.) circumluteolus*) and *A. (N.) mcintoshi* Huang, 1985 (Insecta, Diptera): specific names conserved, and *A. (N.) albothorax*: neotype designated

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers:

- (a) the type status of the holotype of *Banksinella luteolateralis albothorax* Theobald, 1907 is hereby set aside and specimen no. 16988 in the collection of the Department of Entomology, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, U.S.A. is designated as the neotype;
- (b) the specific name *pallida* Theobald, 1907, as published in the trinomen *Banksinella luteolateralis* var. *pallida*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *albothorax* Theobald, 1907, as published in the trinomen *Banksinella luteolateralis* var. *albothorax* and as defined by the neotype designated in (1)(a) above;
- (b) *circumluteola* Theobald, 1908, as published in the trinomen *Banksiella* [sic] *luteolateralis* var. *circumluteola*;
- (c) *mcintoshi* Huang, 1985, as published in the binomen *Aedes* (*Neomelaniconion*) *mcintoshi*.

(3) The name *pallida* Theobald, 1907, as published in the trinomen *Banksinella luteolateralis* var. *pallida* and as suppressed in (1)(b) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2852

An application for the conservation of the specific names of *Aedes* (*Neomelaniconion*) *albothorax* (Theobald, 1907), *A. (N.) circumluteolus* (Theobald, 1908) and *A. (N.) mcintoshi* Huang, 1985 in their accustomed usages was received from Dr Thomas J. Zavortink (University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.) on 16 June 1992. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 50: 39–43 (March 1993). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Comments in support from Drs Kenneth J. Linthicum (United States Armed Forces Institute of Medical Sciences, Bangkok, Thailand), John F. Reinert (Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A.) and P.G. Jupp (National Institute for Virology, University of the Witwatersrand, Sandringham, South Africa) were published in BZN 50: 234–235 (September 1993). Drs Linthicum and Jupp supplied many further references, very nearly all published since 1970, demonstrating the usage of the names.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 50: 41–42. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1994 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 25: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis (part), Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Halvorsen and Lehtinen.

Dupuis and Ride were on leave of absence.

Holthuis voted against the suppression of the specific name of *Aedes* (*Neomelaniconion*) *pallida* (Theobald, 1907). He commented that the junior synonym *A. (N.) mcintoshii* Huang, 1985 had been published only fairly recently and might be confused with *A. (Ochlerotatus) macintoshii* Marks, 1959 (cf. para. 7 of the application).

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

albothorax, *Banksinella luteolateralis* var., Theobald, 1907, *A monograph of the Culicidae or mosquitoes*, vol. 4, p. 470.

circumluteola, *Banksiella* [recte *Banksinella*] *luteolateralis* var., Theobald, 1908, *Entomologist*, 41: 107.

mcintoshii, *Aedes* (*Neomelaniconion*), Huang, 1985, *Mosquito Systematics*, 17: 109.

pallida, *Banksinella luteolateralis*, Theobald, 1907, *A monograph of the Culicidae or mosquitoes*, vol. 4, p. 470.